Statement-II

Amount Disbursed to Universal Service Providers (Disbursal upto 13.2.2006)

(Rs. in crore)

Name of service provider	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	Total
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	297.23	197.30	1,311.42	1,394.77	3,200.72
Bharati	0.21	0.13	0.10	0.00	0.44
Reliance Infocom Ltd.	0.64	0.80	0.90	5.19	7.53
Tata Teleservices Ltd.	1.30	0.58	1.12	1.07	4.07
Tata Teleservices Ltd. (Maharashtra)	0.47	0.73	0.95	0.69	2.84
Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd.	0.15	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.16
Shyam Telelink Ltd.	0.00	0.45	0.10	0.00	0.55
TOTAL	300.00	200.00	1,314.59	1,401.72	3,216.31

New guidelines and linceses for improvement in telecom density

2131. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the current rural teledensity, urban teledensity and total teledensity; and

(b) the number of applications received in response to the new ILD and DLD guidelines and licenses issued by the DoT in December, 2005 company-wise and foreign holding in each of these companies towards augmenting teledensity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As on 31.01.2006, the rural, urban and total teledensity were 1.80%, 36.28% and 11.76% respectively.

(b) In response to the new guidelines issued on licenses for International Long Distance (ILD) and National Long Distance (NLD) services in December, 2005, five applications for ILD services and 13 applications for NLD services have been received. The Company-wise details of the applications are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). No license has been granted so far based on the guidelines issued in December, 2005.

Statement

Company-wise details of applications received by Department of Telecommunications in response to new guidelines for issual of licenses for ILD and NLD services

A. ILD Applications

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant Company	Equity share (in per cent)	
		Foreign	Indian
1.	M/s Shippingstop Dot Com	NIL	100
2.	M/s Sify Communications Ltd.	72.6	27.4
3.	M/s Dishnet Wireless Ltd.	26	74
4.	M/s Spice Communications Pvt. Ltd.	49	51
5.	M/s Enterprises Ltd.	42.59	57.41

B. NLD Applications

Sl. No.	Name of the Applicant Company	Equity share (in per cent)	
		Foreign	Indian
1.	M/s Hutchison Essar Ltd.	—	—
2.	M/s shippingstop Dot Com	NIL	100
3.	M/s Sifty Communications Ltd.	72.6	27.4
4.	M/s Dishnest Wireless Ltd.	26	74
5.	M/s HCL INFINET Ltd.	NIL	100
6.	M/s Hughes Escorts Communciations Ltd.	49	51
7.	M/s Spice Communications Pvt. Ltd.	49	51
8.	M/s Tulip IT Services Ltd.	6.17	93.83
9.	M/s Apaksh Broadband	NIL	100
10.	M/s Enterprises Ltd.	42.59	57.41
11.	M/s MTNL	21.81	78.19
12.	M/s Powergrid Corporation of India	NIL	100
13.	M/s RailTel Corporation of India	NII	100